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SLOVENIAN FRUIT GROWING DECLINES; FULFILL REDUCED CROP-FURCHASE FLAN 81 PERCENT

EXPORTS REDUCED -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 18 Nov 50

According to the 1949 census, there were 7,800,000 fruit trees in Slovenia, of which only 3,400,000 bore fruit. Average production of a bearing fruit tree is 21 kilograms of fruit. If all fruit trees are included in the calculation, the average drops to 9 kilograms. Prewar apple production in Slovenia was 10,000 carloads per year. Because of the scale insect, present production is only 5,000 carloads per year. Before the war 2,000-5,000 carloads of apples per year were exported from Slovenia; 1,200 carloads of apples were exported in 1946, and the same amount was sold in Slovenian markets during that year; 800 carloads were exported in 1947; 580 carloads in 1948; and 450 carloads in 1949. Slovenian apple exports will be even smaller this year. Yearly apple consumption in Slovenia before the war was 29.7 kilograms per capita, as compared with 30 kilograms in 1947-48. An estimated 15 kilograms will be consumed per capita this year.

Insufficient fertilization of orchards in Slovenia is another cause of declining fruit production. About 3,500 carloads of fertilizer per year are needed for Slovenian orchards.

DESCRIBES DROUGHT EFFECTS -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 17 Nov 50

At the Eighth Plenary Meeting of the Central Committee of Yugoslav Labor Unions, held on 16 November 1950, Grga Jankes, secretary of the Central Committee, stated that the white-grain crop was 91,000 carloads smaller /than was expected/ and the corn crop 200,000 carloads smaller. The original compulsory-delivery plan for white grain was cut by 16.6 percent or 16,100 carloads and for corn by 57 percent or 60,400 carloads. The sugar beet crop was 85,000 carloads smaller than was expected; this amounts to 10,625 carloads of sugar. The potato crop was 19,000 carloads smaller; beans, 3,200 carloads smaller; cabbage, 5,600 carloads smaller; and onions, 2,150 carloads smaller. The fats reserves for the 1950-51 economic year have been decreased by 29,878 tons of fats and by 16,160 tons of oil.

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81 PERCENT OF CORN-PURCHASE PLAN FULFILLED -- Belgrade, Borba, 12 Nov 50

According to reports of 9 November 1950, 81 percent of the corn crop purchasing plan was fulfilled in Yugoslavia. Bosuia and Herzegovina completed the plan by 1 November 1950, while Serbia /excluding the Vojvodina? fulfilled its plan somewhat later. The plan for Croatia was fulfilled 97.5 percent by 7 November 1950. Not even 70 percent of the plan has been fulfilled in the Vojvodina.

FISH CATCH SUCCESSFUL -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 17 Nov 50

About 13 million kilograms of fish were caught by Dalmatian fishermen by the end of October 1950. Of this amount, 1,500,000 kilograms were caught by fishermen of the republic sector and 11,500,000 kilograms by fishermen of the local, cooperative, and private sectors. The republic sector fulfilled its plan 100 percent by the end of September 1950 and the other sectors by 104 percent.

16,000 HECTARES FORESTED IN VOJVODINA -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 10 Nov 50

About 16,000 hectares of relatively infertile land have been forested in the Vojvodina to date. These areas have been forested to protect more fertile land from winds. Three million young trees have been used in the Vojvodina this fall for forestation.

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